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SUBJ: BURMESE TRAVEL DOCUMENT AND EXIT POLICY

REF: (A) STATE 167837, (B) RANGOON OM 8/28/74

1. BURMESE TRAVEL DOCUMENT AND EXIT POLICY REMAINS SUBSTANTIALLY AS OUTLINED IN REF B. MANY BURMESE CITIZENS, HOWEVER, ARE OBTAINING GUB PASSPORTS FRAUDULENTLY.

2. SOME APPLICANTS PREFER TO TRAVEL ON PASSPORTS RATHER THAN CERTIFICATES OF IDENTITY BECAUSE THEY WISH TO RETAIN THEIR OPTION OF RETURNING TO BURMA. THEY, THEREFORE, OBTAIN FRAUDULENT TEMPORARY JOB OFFERS IN ORDER TO ESTABLISH TO THE GUB THAT THEY PLAN TO TRAVEL ABROAD ON A "TEMPORARY WORK VIS." IN FACT ALMOST ALL OF THESE VISAS ARE P-2, P-5, OR IR PETITIONS. THE SALARIES STATED IN THESE "JOB OFFERS" ARE OFTEN IMPOSSIBLY LOW, BECAUSE THE APPLICANT MUST PAY TWO YEARS INCOME TAX IN ADVANCE BEFORE HE LEAVES BURMA. THE GUB IS AWARE THAT SUBSTANTIAL FRAUD IS OCCURRING BUT IS UNABLE TO INVESTIGATE THE BONA FIDES OF ALL JOB OFFERS IN THE U.S.

3. THESE VISA APPLICANTS OVERCOME THE PUBLIC CHARGE PROVISIONS OF U.S. LAW WITH AFFIDAVITS OF SUPPORT AND/OR JOB OFFERS ON PRESCRIBED FORM. THIS "JOB OFFER" FRAUD IS PERPETRATED ON THE GUB AND NOT ON THE USG - AT LEAST AS FAR AS THE CONSULAR OFFICER CAN NOW DETERMINE.

4. THE GUB STILL REQUIRES A PASSPORT OR CERTIFICATE OF  
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IDENTITY FOR EXIT FROM BURMA. PERMISSION TO DEPART BURMA  
HAS BEEN WITHHELD FROM ALL ROC PASSPORT HOLDERS SINCE LATE  
JANUARY 1976 FOR UNKNOWN REASONS.

5. THE EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT THERE HAS BEEN NO CHANGE IN GUB  
POLICY OR PRACTICE WHICH WOULD PRECLUDE WAVERS OF PASSPORT  
ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS UNDER 22CFR 42.6(H)(2). REFUSING TO  
GRANT WAVERS UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES WOULD BE TANTAMOUNT TO  
REQUIRING APPLICANTS TO COMMIT FRAUD AGAINST THE GUB IN ORDER  
TO OBTAIN A VISA. OSBORN

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